



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
May 5, 2014
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jaci Stokes, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Richard Snyder, Police Chief Martin Willey (came in late)

Audience attending: Joyce Stockslager, James Winchell, Erika Reigle, Louise Fair, Fred Jester, Mike Quinn,

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Rife stated that under Section V of the agenda New Police Computers should be removed as they were in last month. Also under Section X Amendment to Ordinance #2-11 Noise needs to be removed as it was settled last month. There also needs to be an Executive Session added to the agenda for a personnel issue that has come up since the agenda was published. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the agenda as corrected. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Grant for Layton Avenue – The grant is moving through FEMA; it has passed the environmental review and the fiscal clearance. We expect to get an official approval letter from them by the end of this month. We will then be able to plan a kick-off meeting hopefully in June sometime.
- Del DOT was sending cameras through the storm drains on Southern Boulevard today. We anticipate getting a report from them soon on the results.

- I attended the April DLLG Meeting along with Councilwoman Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Jaci Stokes and Town Clerk Pam Haddick. The vote on the gas tax Governor Markell is pushing for died on the floor. DLLG will NOT support this gas tax.
- Still waiting to hear something on CDBG monies. Anticipate hearing something soon after July 1.
- The Johnson Square sign is completed. Boy Scout Troop 24 added their sign to it.
- Still working on deciding where to place the new maintenance building. It will either go on the park grounds or in the parking lot.
- Everything needed to get installed into the new police car is in except the rifle rack. We are waiting to get it into the shop for installation. Ms. Stokes asked why the striping for the SUV is different than the striping on the Chargers. Mayor Rife explained that since the SUV is a darker color than the Chargers the striping looked better with a little white in it. Other than that, the striping is almost exactly the same.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to approve all four sets of minutes. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the Treasurer's Report for April. *Ms. Stokes made a motion to accept all three parts of the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey announced that the police report will be put in the newsletter.
- The new officer is doing well in the academy.
- Effective immediately, PFC Creech will be handling all code enforcement – discussion ensued.
- Mayor Rife read a letter (attached) from Larry Luckenbaugh of Fruitbud Juice praising Chief Willey on his successful apprehension of burglary suspects at the facility. This has been going on for quite some time and after a diligent and lengthy investigation, an arrest has been made.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Fred Jester was present to give the fire company report. The EMT crews responded to 188 medical calls last month. Fire and Rescue responded to 31 alarms, 6 motor vehicle collisions, 4 reported building fires, 4 out of town assists (Magnolia-3 and Frederica-1), 4 assists with the ambulance and 13 miscellaneous responses. On-the-road time for the apparatus was 12.5 hours this month. Average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 14. Average calls per day were 7.
- The fire company is supporting 1 House Bill and 2 Senate Bills that will generate more revenue to help with ambulance services.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Quinn was present and stated that the CWSWA has heard nothing from Winterberry Woods. They will be doing some pipe work on Camden Wyoming Avenue.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Planning & Zoning had no report for this month.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder went over the open building permit list. We have had a lot of new permits this month.
- Mr. Snyder went over the Dangerous Building Report and touched on each listing and where we stand on each one.
- He also went over all the Code Violations on the list and discussed each.
- Mr. Snyder brought up the need for a vacant house ordinance. We have approximately 15 rental properties in town that are currently vacant and some of them have been for quite some time. Some municipalities charge for vacant houses. Council agreed that we should look into what other towns do.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Ms. Fulcher reported that she should have some information on a grant for the park bathroom in about 2 weeks.
- DNREC has not called us about any park plantings. If they do, we will concentrate on having volunteers pull weeds in the beds we have rather than plant more at this time.
- The mulch for the park playgrounds is in and Lew has spread most of it out. He still has some that he can use once the first batch settles.
- A discussion ensued about new park grills and the benches at Marasco's that were donated by the planning & zoning commission.
- Ms. Fulcher recommends that we should look into making S. Layton Avenue between Camden Wyoming Avenue and Southern Boulevard a one way street going north. This will alleviate the visibility issues for traffic at the intersection of S. Layton and Southern. We will put this in the June Newsletter and on the June Agenda and we will plan a Public Hearing prior to the July Council Meeting. At the meeting Council will have a Resolution to vote on and, if passed, will be sent to DelDOT.
- Pine Street should have no parking on the bank (east) side of the street but there is one resident that parks there all the time. This will be looked into.

ANNEXATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion ensued on the amendment to the amendment to the Land Use and Development Code. Ms. Fulcher feels the entire original amendment should be repealed. It was decided that this item should be removed from the agenda until September. In the meantime, it will go back to Planning and Zoning for their input, possibly including our attorney in a meeting. If he does come, Council wants to be present as well.
- The Mike Brown Scholarship was discussed. The police department will handle it in the future. Mr. Dixon and Ms. Fulcher are willing to help with fund raising. *Mr. Witt motioned to let the police department handle the scholarship in the future. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.*
- Discussion ensued on the stairs at the Annex. It was decided to table this until July. There are concerns about the fire code. Contact will be made with the fire marshal.

NEW BUSINESS - None

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Tentative schedule of meetings. Please check with Town Hall for any changes or cancellations.

- Town Council Meeting – 6/2/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 5/13/14, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 5/13/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- Peach Festival Committee Meeting – 5/20/14, 7:00 p.m., Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS - None

Council took a break at 9:37 p.m.

Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to go into Executive Session. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

Council entered back into Regular Session at 10:02 p.m.

Mr. Dixon made a motion seconded by Ms. Fulcher to adjourn. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk